public telephone booths at student hostels progressively on franchise basis.

(c) 21 student hostels have been provided with public telephone facility.

(d) As stated in (b) above.

Automation of Telephone Exchanges

92. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States in the country have all their telephone exchanges converted into automatic ones;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of telephone exchange in the State of Madhya Pradesh that have been converted into automatic ones; and

(d) by when rest of the telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh would be converted into automatic ones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement attached [*See* below].

(c) and (d) As on 31.3.91, there were 94 Manual Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh 28 out of these have been converted into electronic exchanges upto 31.1.92. As per objectives of Draft 8th Plan, the remaining Manual Exchanges will be converted into automatic by March, 1994.

Statement

The following States and Union Territories have all their telephone exchanges converted into automatic ones:

Sl. No.	States
1.	Karnataka
2.	Orissa
3.	Kerala
4.	Goa
5.	Sikkim
6.	Manipur
7.	Meghalaya
8.	Arunachal Pradesh
9.	Mizoram
10.	Tripura

Sl. No.	Union Territories
1.	Delhi
2.	Daman & Diu
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
4.	Chandigarh
5.	Pondicherry
6.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
7.	Lakshdweep

Pending Applications for Telephone Connection

93. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned during the last five years State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) what is the number of applications for telephone connections pending with Government State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government have any scheme to step up sanction of telephone connections; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Number of telephone connections provided during the last five years and the waiting list of telephone connections as on 31.12.1991 are given in the Annexure.

(See Appendix CLXII, the Annexure No. 2)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Department of Telecommunication has formulated draft 8th five year plan (1992-97) for